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APPLICANTS: M. Endo et al.

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROSECUTION IN
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED APPLICATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR 1.103(c)**

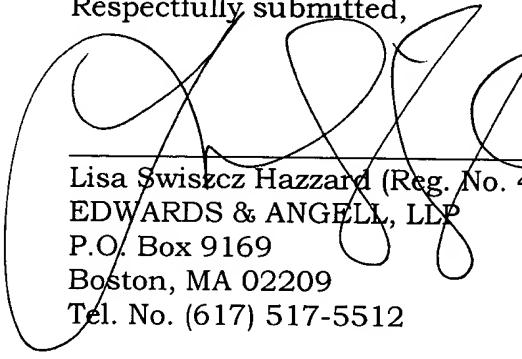
Applicant respectfully requests that examination in the above-referenced application be suspended for the time necessary for Applicant to prepare and file a preliminary amendment. Applicant expects to file such an amendment within the next three months. Enclosed herewith is the required petition fee in accordance with 37 CFR §1.17

Applicants believe that no extension of time is required since this is being filed before the expiration of the specified time period. Applicants, however, conditionally petition for an extension of time to provide for the possibility that such a petition has been inadvertently overlooked and is required. As provided below charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105 for any required fee. Further, if for any reason, additional fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1105.

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Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the remarks made herein, the undersigned attorney would appreciate the opportunity to do so.

Respectfully submitted,



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